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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR BRUSSELS MEETING ON ZAIRE

1. PURSUANT TO DE-BRIEFING OF OUR DELEGATION TO THE PARIS MEETING, WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR THE JUNE 13-14 BRUSSELS MEETING ON THE MOBUTU PLAN AND ZAIRIAN ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND REFORM.
2. OUR DELEGATION IS BEING FINALIZED TODAY, AND A SEPTTEL WILL COMMUNICATE TO YOU THE FULL COMPOSITION THEREOF. YOU SHOULD KNOW MEANWHILE THAT EMBASSY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR CLAY NETTLES WILL BE A MEMBER AND WILL WISH TO BEGIN MAKING HIS PLANS ACCORDINGLY.
3. IN THAT REGARD NETTLES SHOULD PLAN TO BRING WITH HIM AS MUCH BACKUP MATERIALS, STATISTICS AND ESTIMATES ON THE ZAIRIAN ECONOMY, ETC., AS MIGHT BE IMMEDIATELY RELEVANT TO THE MEETING.

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4. DEPARTMENT ALSO REQUIRES BY NLT SATURDAY MORNING FOLLOWING EMBASSY CONTRIBUTIONS TO BACKGROUND PAPERS ON THESE SUBJECTS:

-- STATUS OF THE MINES, INCLUDING DETAILS ON THE SUMS NECESSARY TO GET THEM BACK TO PRE-SHABA PRODUCTION LEVELS.

-- YOUR BEST ASSESSMENT OF THE SHORT-TERM IMPORT AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE REQUIREMENTS IN ZAIRE (3 MONTHS) IN THE KEY AREAS OF FOOD, PETROLEUM, MEDICINE, AND SPARES. HERE YOU SHOULD ALSO COMMENT ON SPECIFIC COMMODITIES SUCH AS WHEAT AND RICE AND THE LIKELY IMPACT OF PL-480 IN THE CURRENT EMERGENCY SITUATION.

-- YOUR BEST CURRENT ESTIMATE OF ZAIRE'S BALANCE OF PAYMENT GAPS OVER THE COMING TWELVE MONTHS, BOTH THE RANGE OF THESE AND THE ASSUMPTIONS ON WHICH YOUR ESTIMATES ARE BASED.

-- ANY FURTHER VIEWS YOU MAY HAVE ON THE MOBUTU PLAN, IN PARTICULAR AS REGARDS THE BELGIANS' TRUNCATED VERSION OF THE MORE COSTLY ZAIRIAN DOCUMENT.

-- ANY UPDATES ON EARLIER REPORTING WHICH WOULD BE DIRECTLY USEFUL TO THE DELEGATION AT BRUSSELS.

5. FOR YOUR INFORMATION WE ARE ALSO PREPARING INTER ALIA THE FOLLOWING AND WOULD WELCOME ANY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS YOU MIGHT WISH TO MAKE TO THEM:

-- AN OVERALL STRATEGY PAPER
-- AN ARRIVAL STATEMENT
-- A PRESS LINE FOR USE IN A FINAL COMMUNIQUE
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-- SHORTER, BUT SUBSTANTIVE BACK-UP PAPERS ON
(A) REFORM AND HOW THIS MUST RELATE TO ASSISTANCE;
(B) CURRENT TABULATION OF OTHERS' ASSISTANCE TO ZAIRE;
(C) IMF/IBRD VIEWS ON ZAIRIAN ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND REFORM; AND
(D) LONGER-TERM RECOVERY REQUIREMENTS. VANCE

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